

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion, Water quality, Pasture conditions & grazing concerns, Irrigation efficiencies, forestry health, and wildlife habitat.

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

NONE

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications containing prescribed grazing practices

Applications that address both erosion and water quality concerns

Applications that include 442 and 449 irrigation practices.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

GRAZING/PASTURE CONCERNS - The application will include prescribed grazing practices that will protect surface waters, reduce erosion, increase forage production, and improve wildlife habitat. 20 points

SOIL EROSION AND WATER QUALITY - application will include practices that both reduce erosion and address all water quality concerns (example: 329 no-till and 590 nutrient management). 15 points

SOIL EROSION - application includes just practices that reduce erosion by wind or water. 5 points.

WATER QUALITY – application includes just practice that improve water quality. 5 points.

IRRIGATION EFFIECENCY – application includes practices that improve water effiecency. 5 points

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

20 points for prescribed grazing

15 points for applications that address both erosion and water quality

5 points for applications that address only erosion

5 points for applications that address only water quality

5 points for applications that address irrigation efficiency

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

NONE

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group Date

The 2009 EQIP LWG met on 11-19-08 at 1 pM at the Perham USDA Service Center.

Present was Bruce Becker, Troy Baumgart, and Jim Pendroy of NRCS.

Darrin Newville, EOT SWCD

Dave Johnson, DNR Forester

Discussion on promoting the control of invasive species (buck thorn) was discussed.

The LWG would like to do a limited number of buck thorn control sites as a trial.

After reviewing comments sent by SWCD Supervisors, FSA, and Dave Johnson, DNR Forester it was decided that no changes from the 2008 ranking were needed.

Submitted by: Bruce Becker, EOT EQIP LWG Chair